

House Resolution

No. 39

Introduced by Assembly Member Salinas

March 7, 2002

House Resolution No. 39—Relative to the Week of the Migrant Child.

1 WHEREAS, In California there are over 250,00 identified
2 migrant children and youth, which may represent anywhere
3 between a five percent to 95 percent enrollment at local schools;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, Nationwide, migrant children face unique
6 challenges to succeeding in school due to the disruptions in their
7 education resulting from their mobile lifestyle, lack of adequate
8 access to health care, substandard housing, poor nutrition, and the
9 absence of safe and secure environments; and

10 WHEREAS, The State of California recognizes that migrant
11 families enrich the cultural tapestry of our nation; and

12 WHEREAS, Many former migrant students have returned to
13 work in our communities and serve as some of the strongest and
14 most inspirational leaders in our schools and community agencies;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, The State of California recognizes the
17 contributions of migrant workers to the billion dollar agricultural
18 industry in California; and

19 WHEREAS, The migrant education program completed a video
20 titled “Migrant Workers-California’s Hidden Gold,” that
21 chronicles the meager existence, cultural richness, and

1 contributions that migrant children and their families have
2 provided throughout California; now, therefore, be it

3 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California*, That March
4 18 to March 24, 2002, is declared the Week of the Migrant Child;
5 and be it further

6 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly shall transmit
7 copies of this resolution to the Governor.

